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MEMORANDUM 11-046

TO: PORT & HARBOR COMMISSION
FROM: BRYAN HAWKNS, PORT DIRECTOR/HARBORMASTER
SUBJECT: LONG-TERM PARKING ON THE SPIT
DATE: FEBRUARY 15, 2011

Signage

- Current signage reads "Parking Limited to 7 Days: Vehicles/Trailers Parked in Excess of 7 Days Will Be Subject to Impound."
- New signage recommendation: "Long-Term Parking Permit Required for Vehicles Parked in Excess of 7 Continuous 24 Hour Days on City of Homer Port facility. Long-Term Parking Permits (for vehicles under 20 feet) Are Available at the Harbormaster's Office. Vehicles/ Trailers Parked in Excess of This Rule Are Subject to Fines and/or Impound."

Vehicles Defined

- Use Homer City Code 18.20.010(A) for a description.
- Use Homer City Code 18.20.010(C) on Junk vehicles to define which vehicles allowed to purchase a long-term parking permit.

Permits

- Long-term parking permits (in the form of a sticker or hanger for rear view mirror) will be issued for one calendar year January 1 to December 31.
- Two vehicles may be registered to a single parking permit but only one vehicle may use the permit at a time.
- Fee for long-term Parking: \$300.00 annually. Discounted fee for vessel owners that pay annual moorage in the Homer Harbor: \$100.00 annually.

Restrictions and Enforcement

- Long-term parking permits will only be issued to road legal vehicles 20 feet or less in length.
- Long-term parking will be enforced on all City of Homer Port Facilities year-round.
- Parking lot restrictions for long-term parking will be in effect May 1 through October 1; however, permits will be enforced year round on all City of Homer Port Facilities.
- Attached is an overview of lots where long-term parking will not be allowed from May 1 through October 1.
- Over-parked vehicles will be subject to a citation once each day for every day vehicle is in violation. City of Homer parking citations are \$25.00 per incident.

Discussion Points

- Currently we do not charge a fee for handicap parking in the fee lots at ramps one through four. There have been several cases of where this privilege has been abused over the years. Should this policy remain in place? Or should fee parking apply to the handicap spaces as well?
- There are multiple user groups that utilize Homer's Port and Harbor. An attempt to custom craft a permit system that addresses each group's needs would be next to impossible and likely would negate any progress attempted here.

- From an operations side we must have a simple one-size-fits-all method approach to long-term parking if we will be able to actually enforce the rules.
- **Seasonal Fee parking above ramps one, two, three and four.**
- The Port Commission asked for a policy change in the way we collect fees for the day use fee lots. They would like to see a season pass that frequent users could purchase one time per year so they don't have to keep "feeding the Iron Ranger".
- Currently lots one through four are day use fee parking lots from Memorial Day to Labor Day (approximately 100 days). At \$5.00 per day, the total potential earning per space would be \$500.00. If we sold season day use permits for \$250.00, that would provide the option for daily uses to make a one-time purchase and save them the hassle of having to feed the Iron Ranger every day at a 50% discount.
- Possessing a fee pay parking permit would not guarantee the owner a parking space in the day-use fee parking lots. This could only be offered as space available.
- Two vehicles may be registered to a single parking permit but only one vehicle may use the pass at a time.

Attached: Homer City Code 18.20.010(A)
 Homer City Code 18.20.010(C)
 Overview of Seasonal Long-Term Parking & Day Use Fee Lots
 Photo of Current Signage

Chapter 18.20 Abandoned and Junk Vehicles

18.20.010 Definitions

18.20.010 Definitions. For the purposes of this Chapter, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meaning given herein. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words in the plural number include the singular number, and words in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

a. "Vehicle" is any vehicle which is self-propelled and designed to travel along the ground and shall include, but not be limited to, automobiles, buses, motor-bikes, motorcycles, motor scooters, trucks, tractors, go-carts, golf carts, and all terrain vehicles.

b. "Abandoned vehicle" is any vehicle, as defined by subsection (a), that has been discarded, left unattended, standing or parked upon or within 10 feet of the traveled portion of a highway or street, in excess of 48 hours; or that has been discarded, left unattended, standing or parked upon private property without the consent of the owner or person in charge of the property in excess of 24 hours; or that has been discarded, left unattended, standing or parked upon public property without the consent of the person in charge of the property for more than 30 days.

c. "Junked vehicle" is any vehicle, as defined by subsection (a), that does not have lawfully affixed thereto an unexpired license plate or plates or registration decal, if required by law for operation, and the condition of which is wrecked, dismantled, partially dismantled or inoperative, whether abandoned or not.

d. "Private property" shall mean any real property within the City that is privately owned and is not public property as defined in this section.

e. "Public property" shall mean any street or highway, which shall include the entire width between the boundary lines of every way publicly maintained for the purposes of vehicular travel, and shall also mean any other publicly owned property or facility. (Ord. 95-14 (part), 1995; Ord. 88-7, 1988; Ord. 85-41 (part), 1985).

Chapter 10.04 General Port and Harbor Provisions

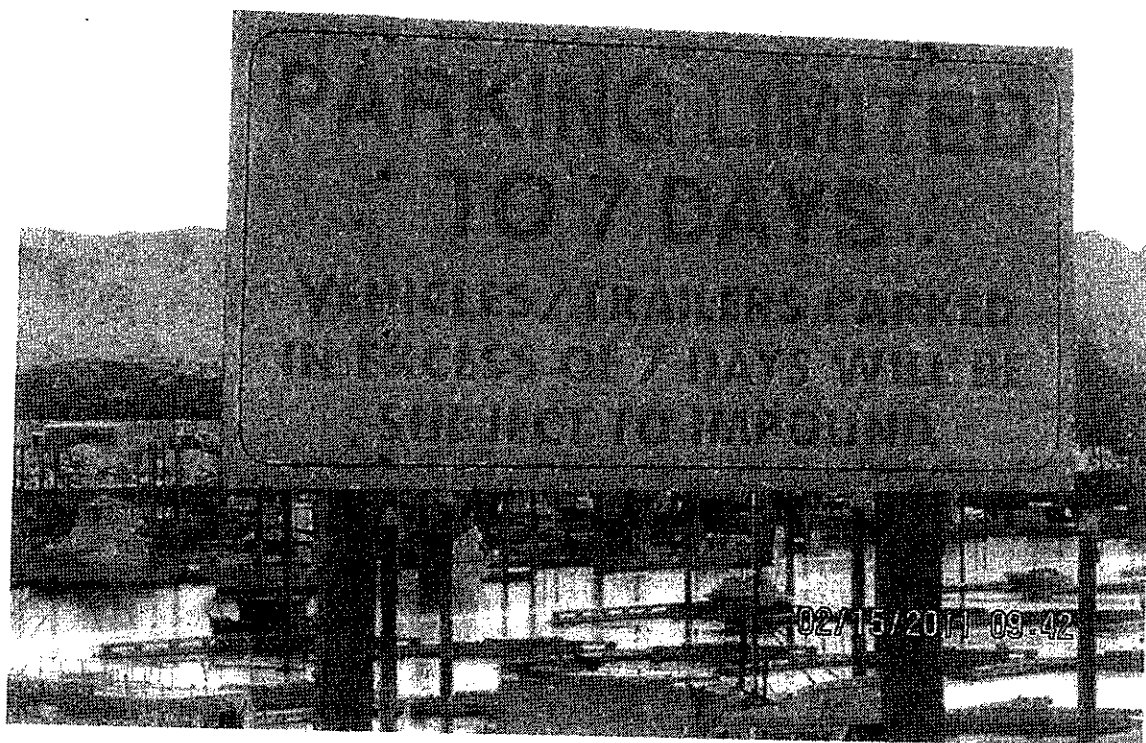
10.04.100 Vehicles and other wheeled conveyances. a. "Restricted parking" areas will be established at such time and places as may be determined by the harbormaster. "Restricted parking" areas pertain to the parking of any vehicle or trailer, private or commercial. Violations of "restricted parking" areas will be fined according to the City traffic code.

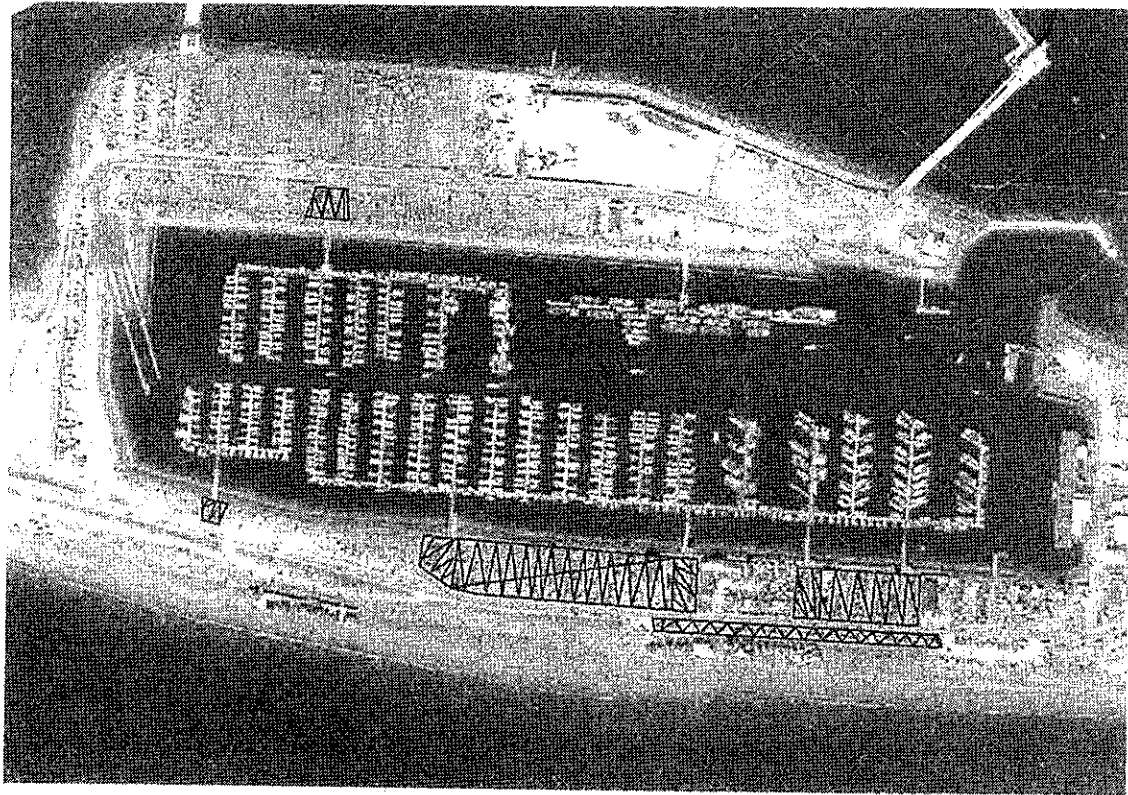
b. No person other than an employee of the City or other person acting on City business shall drive a vehicle upon the inside gravel slope of the Small Boat Harbor except in case of emergency. Parking or leaving boats, trailers and/or other vehicles and equipment related thereto by the public shall be limited to specific areas designated for such use.

c. Hauling out boats on skids is prohibited unless approved in advance by the harbormaster. (Ord. 95-18(S)(part), 1995; Ord. 88-2 (part), 1988).

10.04.110 Violation--Penalty. Any violation of the provisions contained in this title or regulations adopted pursuant to this title shall be unlawful as and punishable as provided in Section 1.16.010 of this Code. (Ord. 95-18(S)(part), 1995; Ord. 88-2 (part), 1988).

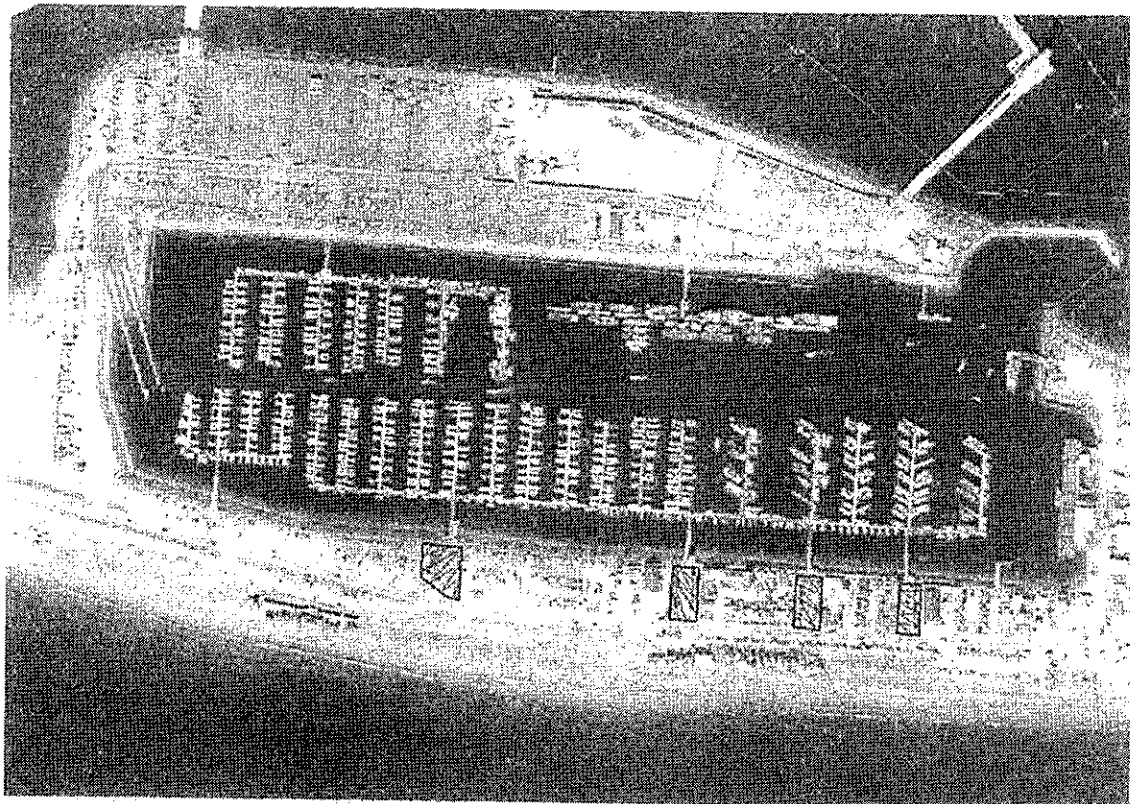






No Long-Term Parking Areas

Day-Use Parking Areas



**No Long Term
Parking Allowed**

May 1st

Through

October 1st

Long Term Parking

Available for Vehicles 20' and under, Parked in Excess of 7 Consecutive 24 Hour Days.

Required Permits are Available at the Harbormaster's Office.

Vehicles Over 20' and Trailers are not Eligible for Long Term Parking.